

## ALCOA 50TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Alcoa Foundation.

The Alcoa Foundation, located in Pittsburgh, was founded in 1952 with an endowment from Alcoa, the company that has been a very successful producer of aluminum in this country for decades. Alcoa has its headquarters in Pittsburgh.

Since its founding, the Alcoa Foundation has made more than \$339 million in awards around the world, including the \$21 million it gave to more than 2,000 organizations in 26 countries last year. The foundation targets its giving to promote the goals of conservation and sustainability; safe and healthy children and families; global education in business, engineering, science, and technology; skills for the future; and business and community partnerships. The foundation also concentrates its efforts in communities in which it operates.

One of those communities is Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Alcoa Foundation has established a five-year "Allegheny Works Initiative", for example, in Pittsburgh. The foundation has committed \$1 million through this program to programs that enhance literacy and employment opportunities on the City's Northside. The initiative relies upon local leaders to determine the community's most pressing needs and suggest the most appropriate responses to those needs. Grant awards through the initiative have included after-school programs to improve young people's study skills and discourage drug and alcohol abuse. Other programs have increased access to the Internet for Northside residents and promoted reading among at-risk students at a local school.

Among its many other activities, the Alcoa Foundation funds scholarships for the children of Alcoa employees in the United States. These scholarships are awarded based on achievement, potential, leadership, community service and character. They are judged by a national panel of college and university professionals. This year, 91 students received scholarships totaling \$534,000.

Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the Alcoa Foundation for its many good works and congratulate its staff and donors on the 50th anniversary of this worthy institution.

## HONORING ALFRED CAHN

**HON. GARY L. ACKERMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Alfred Cahn, upon celebrating his 90th birthday.

Al Cahn has worked with the Coler-Goldwater Memorial Hospital on Roosevelt Island for nearly thirty years. He has been a passionate member of the Patient Care Committee, fighting to help improve the lives of patients. Al and his devoted wife, Lee, took the time to create a family council to work with

hospital administration to help make Coler-Goldwater an even better place. Al's dedication led him to serve as both president of the council and vice-president of the Community Advisory Board at the hospital.

Al's extensive interaction with the patients at Coler-Goldwater is remarkable. Al not only visits patients, he brings out those that are able and serves as a feeder for those that are less fortunate. Al and his wife are also known for their annual barbecue which they host at their Whitestone home. With homemade food and fresh fish, caught by the Cahn's themselves, the outing has been a truly uplifting time for all of the attendees.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mr. Alfred Cahn on this truly special occasion as he celebrates his 90th birthday. Al is an honorable man who has spent such a large portion of his life aiding and honoring the lives of others. May he continue to celebrate throughout this year and for many more to come.

## HONORING ROBERT C. STEWART

**HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mariposa County District III Supervisor Robert "Bob" Stewart for his years of dedicated service to the community.

Bob has shown his commitment to the community through a career of public service. He is a veteran who served on the California Highway Patrol for twenty-eight years, protecting Mariposa County for twenty. As an elected official, Bob continued supporting emergency responders by advocating newer equipment for public safety employees and volunteer fire departments.

Bob was first elected to the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors in 1994 and reelected for his second term in 1998, serving as Chair in 1997 and 2002. He acted as Board liaison member to the General Government and the Health and Human Services areas.

Bob's contributions to the community spread beyond the numerous County projects he has chaired. For the last twenty years he has also served as deacon to the First Baptist Church of Mariposa. In all of his varied activities, Bob is known foremost for his honesty and integrity.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Bob Stewart for his active and dedicated community involvement. I urge my colleagues to join me in thanking Bob and wishing him many more years of success.

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING  
PETER YARROW AND AVERY  
COHEN**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of Peter Yarrow and Avery Cohen, as they are honored by the Hat-

tie Larlham Foundation on November 13th for their significant work on behalf of individual rights.

For the past forty years, the Hattie Larlham Foundation has been a source of hope, support and care for thousands of children and adolescents with disabilities and their families, in northeast Ohio. The vast and vital work of both Peter Yarrow and Avery Cohen on behalf of the Foundation, reflects the true spirit of this exceptional agency—a spirit of helping and caring, a spirit of empowerment; and a spirit of dedication to social justice—one child at a time; one family at a time.

The vital work of Peter Yarrow and Avery Cohen is the work of heroes who speak for those whose voice is small—they are the messengers for our most vulnerable citizens—our children, our poor, and our mentally and physically challenged. Their message speaks of local and national change. Their message speaks of improved services for children and adults with disabilities. Their message speak of research to seek improvements, to find cures, to give support, to give hope.

Peter Yarrow carries the message through his gift of song, crossing the continent to raise funds and raise awareness, with projects like the creation of "Operation Respect," a program that advocates nurturing environments for children.

Avery Cohen, President of the Hattie Larlham Care Group, and Vice President of the Hattie Larlham Research Institute and Foundation, has carried the message through his tenacity, integrity, compassion and expertise for the past thirty-six years. Considered a "founding member," Avery joined the Board of Directors of the Hattie Larlham Foundation in 1966. His unwavering commitment remains focused on assisting and improving the lives of the children and families of our community.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring every staff and member of the Hattie Larlham Foundation, and please also join me in honoring my dear friends, Peter Yarrow and Avery Cohen. I honor your dedication and significant work in helping, empowering, inspiring, and bringing hope to children and families facing a challenging road. Your work and activism brings us light, guidance and strength, and gives us hope for a better tomorrow.

IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL  
ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, November 13, 2002*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, each year in November American families across the country gather together in thanksgiving to recognize the variety of blessings they have received. It is fitting that we also choose this month to recognize the importance of adoption in our society.

Currently, thousands of children across the country, freed for adoption, are waiting to be a part of a loving and caring family with a stable home and attentive parents. Many of these children have special physical, mental, or emotional needs and require special nurturing from devoted parents and families. Let it be known that their adoption by special people